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1. DOD PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT AMERICAN MILITARY RESUPPLY IS OPEN TO ICCS INSPECTION REPRESENTS STANDING US POLICY (AS DETAILED IN REF C) SINCE CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 27 AGREEMENT. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED TO THE PRESS AND TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. GVN LETTER TO ICCS (REF D) WOULD APPEAR TO REPRESENT SIMILAR GVN POLICY IN THIS REGARD.

2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE MASSIVELY VIOLATING ARTICLE 7. WE AGREE ALSO THAT THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO US MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO SVN HAS NOT ARISEN SINCE THE TPJMC AND ICCS ARE NOT NOW PREPARED TO PERFORM THE PRESCRIBED SUPERVISORY FUNCTION. SHOULD THESE BODIES
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AT SOME FUTURE POINT BECOME CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THEIR

INSPECTION MANDATE AND SHOULD THEY REQUEST INSPECTION, WE WOULD REVIEW OUR POLICY AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE, AND QUITE POSSIBLY SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE, IN NOW ASSERTING PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY TO THIRD PARTIES OUR

UNWILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO INSPECTION, ON THE BASIS OF MATERIAL BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COMMUNISTS, AS PROPOSED PARA 4 REF A. WE WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT SUCH A US POSTURE WOULD SERVE TO ERODE FURTHER THE CEASE-FIRE FRAMEWORK, PARTICULARLY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL TERMS, WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR GAIN TO US. SUCH A POSTURE COULD ALSO GIVE RISE TO IMPLICATION THAT US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO RVN NOT OTHERWISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7. THUS OUR STATED POLICY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE TPJMC AND ICCS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ARTICLE 7. KISSINGER

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